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OBJECTIVES AND METHODS

The U.S. Army Environmental Center (AEC) tasked the Mandatory Center of Expertise for the Curation and Management of Archaeological Collections (MCX) with the job of assisting Army installation personnel in complying with the requirements of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (P.L. 101-601, NAGPRA). The MCX was asked to locate and assess archaeological collections derived from Army-owned lands, to identify the federally recognized Native American tribes most likely culturally affiliated with the collections, to draft Section 6 Summary letters for each installation, and to conduct physical inventories of any collections that contain human skeletal remains. This report conveys the results of the collections research completed to assist Fort McPherson in complying with the Section 6 Summary requirements of NAGPRA.

The MCX used a two-stage process to identify, locate, and assess the contents of archaeological collections from the installation. First, archival research was performed to review all archaeological site records and reports for the installation. Second, telephone interviews were conducted with personnel at installations, universities, museums, and archaeological contractors that were identified during the archival research as possible repositories of Army collections.

Archival research for Fort McPherson began with a search of the National Archeological Data Base (NADB) for references pertaining to the installation. This was followed by a thorough examination of all archaeological site forms and a literature review of all pertinent archaeological reports and manuscripts on file at the state site files at the Department of Anthropology, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia. The records search was performed in January 1995 and sought to identify any work on the installation that may have produced archaeological collections.

Subsequent telephone interviews to potential collections repositories ascertained whether the materials were present and the range of objects in each collection. Once the collections were located and assessed, MCX personnel identified federally recognized Native American tribes that are likely to be culturally affiliated with the materials in the collections. A listing is enclosed (Appendix I).

RESEARCH RESULTS

ARCHAEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATIONS AT FORT MCPHERSON

The only archaeological work on Fort McPherson occurred in 1993, with only one agency conducting an investigation there. That agency was:

Garrow and Associates, Inc., Athens, Georgia

The investigation consisted of the excavation of a historic period depot site and all artifacts recovered were of Euroamerican origin. The materials recovered included glass, wire, metal, and porcelain. No human remains or Native American materials were excavated or encountered.

SUMMARY OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL COLLECTIONS

A total of approximately 0.5 ft³ of boxed archaeological materials have been identified for Fort McPherson. As of the date of this report, they are located in the following repository:

Garrow and Associates, Inc., Athens, Georgia

The attached Summary of Current Locations of Archaeological Collections from Fort McPherson (Appendix II) provides detailed information about the collection derived as a result of the archaeological investigation at the installation. A collection consists of all of the materials, artifacts, and associated documentation (e.g., field notes, maps, photos, data analyses, correspondence) produced as a result of an archaeological investigation or project at a single site or multiple sites.

Every attempt has been made to locate all collections cited on available archaeological site records or in published and unpublished references to archaeological investigations on the installation.

REFERENCES TO ARCHAEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATIONS

Two sets of references regarding archaeological work conducted on Fort McPherson are attached: Appendix III contains the list of references reviewed by the MCX during its archival research and Appendix IV is the list of references contained in the National Archeological Data Base (NADB).

NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBES ASSOCIATED WITH FORT MCPHERSON

Current and historical references have been used to identify Native American tribes that occupied, or could potentially have occupied the land on, or around Fort McPherson. Three such tribes have been identified.

According to the U.S.G.S. map 1978 Indian Land Areas Judicially Established, the Cherokee tribe currently claims aboriginal lands that extend from southern Kentucky to an area just north of Atlanta, Georgia (U.S.G.S.:n.d.).

The Creek tribe, while not currently claiming land in the vicinity of Fort McPherson, do claim land in southern Georgia, and on some 18th and 19th centuries maps are shown to have also occupied most of central Georgia, with villages as far north as the headwaters of the Flint, Ocmulgee and Chattahoochee Rivers (Swanton:1922) near present day Atlanta.

The Chickasaw tribe is also reported to have historically occupied portions of Georgia (Wissler:1966) although the tribe makes no current land claim within the state.

A listing of the federally recognized Cherokee, Chickasaw and Creek tribes is provided in Appendix I.

An additional three groups have attained state recognition in Georgia via the Georgia Council on American Indian Concerns (telephone conversation, John Morgan, Historic Preservation Division, Georgia, 17 August 1995). These groups, the Georgia Tribe of Eastern Cherokee, the Cherokee of Georgia Tribal Council, and the Lower Muskogee Creek Tribe are not federally recognized and therefore do not fit the legal description of tribe as defined for NAGPRA purposes.

SECTION 6 COMPLIANCE

P.L. 101-601 (NAGPRA) requires that federal agencies engage in active consultation with Native Americans with federally recognized tribes and/or lineal descendants who may be culturally affiliated with the archaeological collections from the installation.

Since the archaeological collections from Fort McPherson do not contain any Native American artifacts or remains, the installation need not contact or consult with Native American entities regarding Sections 5 or 6 of NAGPRA.

However, NAGPRA Section 3, paragraphs (c) and (d), requires consultation with federally recognized tribes regarding Intentional Excavation and Inadvertent Discovery of Native American Human Remains and Objects.

REFERENCES CITED

Swanton, John R.

1922 Early History of the Creek Indians and their Neighbors. Bureau of American Ethnology Bulletin 73. Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC.

U.S.G.S.

n.d. Indian Lands Judicially Established 1978. Map prepared by the United States Geological Survey for the Indian Claims Commission, Reston, Virginia.

Wissler, Clark

1966 Indians of the United States. Anchor Books, Doubleday & Company, Inc., Garden City, NY.

APPENDIX I

NATIVE AMERICAN POINTS OF CONTACT FORT MCPHERSON, GEORGIA

The following list of Native American points of contact includes only members of federally recognized tribes:

FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBES

Cherokee:

Wilma Mankiller, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma P.O. Box 948 Tahlequah, OK 74465 Tele: (918) 456-0671 ext. 466 FAX: (918) 256-0617

John Ross, Spokesperson United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians P.O. Box 746 Talequah, OK 74464 Tele: (918) 456-9462 FAX: (918) 456-3648

Mr. Jonathan L. Taylor Principal Chief Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians P.O. Box 455 Cherokee, NC 28719 Tele: (714) 497-2771 FAX: (704) 497-2952

FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBES (Continued)

Chickasaw:

Bill Anoatubby, Governor Chickasaw Nation of Oklahoma P.O. Box 1548 Ada, OK 74820 Tele: (405) 436-2603 FAX: (405) 436-4287

Creek:

Bill S. Fife, Principal Chief Muscogee Creek Nation of Oklahoma P.O. Box 580 Okmulgee, OK 74447 Tele: (918) 756-8700 FAX: (918) 756-2911

Eddie Tullis, Chairman Poarch Band of Creek Indians HCR 69A, Box 85B Atmore, AL 63502 Tele: (205) 368-9136

APPENDIX II

SUMMARY OF CURRENT LOCATIONS OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL COLLECTIONS FROM FORT MCPHERSON, GEORGIA

All collections information has been entered into a Paradox data base file and can be queried by any of the fields listed below, as well as by the name of the installation and by MACOM. The data base will be delivered by the MCX to the U.S. Army Environmental Center upon completion of the U.S. Army NAGPRA Compliance Project. Inquiries for additional information are welcome (MCX: 314-331-8865; U.S. Army Environmental Center NAGPRA Compliance Project: 410-671-1573). The data fields listed in the summary of collections contain the following information:

REPOSITORY:

The current location in which the collection is stored, as

of the date of this report.

REPOSITORY POC:

The person contacted by the MCX, or the person to whom

inquiries regarding the collection should be addressed.

TELEPHONE:

The telephone number for the repository POC.

COLLECTION ID:

The identifying unit used by the repository to store and/or locate the collection. This can be a unique accession number assigned by the repository, the archaeological site number or project name, the name of the collector of the collection, or another number or name assigned by the

repository.

SITE NUMBERS:

The official site number or name only for those sites from which materials were collected. An investigator may have performed work at additional sites but did not collect any materials. Those site numbers are not included in this field.

FIELDWORK DATES:

The date(s) during which the investigation(s) occurred. This information is provided to differentiate between projects that may have investigated the same site repeatedly.

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EXCAVATOR/COLLECTOR: The individual and/or organization that conducted the investigation.

COLLECTION SIZE:

The volume or number of objects in a collection, estimated by the repository POC or from project reports.

DESCRIPTION OF MATERIALS: General material classes of the objects in the collection derived from data provided on site records, in references, and/or by the Repository POC.

ANTIQUITY/ARCH. PERIOD: Chronological or cultural-historical designations recorded on site records or in references specific to the collection.

CULTURAL AFFILIATION: This column contains only those ethnic identifications found in the site records or references specific to the collection. This field is left blank if no such information was recorded.

BASIS OF DETERMINATION: Documents the source of the cultural affiliation information (e.g., site record, oral testimony, reference).

SECTION 5 MATERIALS: Describes the number and kind of human skeletal remains and associated funerary objects in the collection, as indicated by the site records, references, repository management documents, or information from repository POC. If these materials are present or are suspected to be present, NAGPRA Section 5 requires a physical inventory of the materials.

Summary of Current Location of Archaeological Collection

As of July 1995

Repository	Repository POC	Telephone	Collection ID	Site Numbers	Fieldwork Dates	Exc
Garrow & Associates, inc	Barbara Garrow, Bob Fryman, Thomas Garrow		Accession # 338	9FU247	May 1993	Rober Garrov Inc.

n of Archaeological Collections From: Fort McPherson, Georgia [FORSCOM]

As of July 1995

Fieldwork Dates	Excavator/Collector	Collection Size	Description of Materials	Antiquity/Archaeological Period	Cultural Affiliation	Basis of Determination
	Robert F. Fryman, Garrow & Associates, Inc.	1/2 cu. ft.	Porcelain Insulator, Glass, Wire, Metal	Historic		

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	Antiquity/Archaeological Period	Cultural Affiliation	Basis of Determination	Section 5 Materials
al	Historic			None
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APPENDIX III

MCX LIST OF REFERENCES

In addition to the references reviewed by MCX personnel at the archaeological site information center, every attempt was made to obtain references cited but not on file. Information taken from these references was coded for data relating to collections made from sites located on installation property (see attached sample of PD-C Bibliographic Data Sheet form) and entered into a data base for ease of manipulation.

Report titles were drawn directly from the title page of reports, and consist of the following fields:

FIELD

DATA ENTERED

Subject Property

Army Installation name

Last Name

Primary author's last name

First Name

Primary author's first name

Middle Initial

Primary author's middle initial

Secondary Authors

Names of secondary authors, or in instances where the author is a company rather than an individual, the company

name is listed here.

Title

Title of the reference. For letter reports, the person or agency to whom the correspondence is addressed is listed

as the title.

Series

If the report is part of a publication series, the name and

number are provided here.

Date

Date of publication or submission

Length

Report length in pages

Contract Number

Contract number and delivery order number, if applicable

The data for the next three fields are drawn directly from the report title page and reflect the hierarchy of contracting agencies involved in accomplishing the work. In some cases, the sponsoring agency is listed as the Army installation; in others, the intermediary contracting agent, (e.g., the Army Corps of Engineers or the National Park Service) is listed as the Sponsoring Agency.

Sponsoring Agency Agency for which the report was prepared

Contractor The agent contracted to perform the work

Subcontractor The agent subcontracted to perform the work

The majority of the citations for archaeological investigations on Army land refer to unpublished reports prepared under contract with federal agencies, consequently the MCX printout was designed to address these reports. In instances where the author is a company rather than an individual, the company name is listed in the Secondary Authors field (due to the length of the field). For published references, the publisher is listed in the Sponsoring Agency field.

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NADB No.		PD-C Collection	No.
PD	-C Bibliography Data	Sheet	
Date:	Information obtained l	by:	
PD-C Project:			
Subject Property:			
Repository (name and location):			
Record Collection Name/Numbe	er:		
Report Date and Length (in pag	es):		
Author(s):			
Tide:			
Contractor/Address or Published	r/Address (city, state):		
Subcontractor/Address (city, sta	te):		·
Report Series and Number:			
Contract/Purchase Order Numb	er(s):		
Sponsoring Agency/Address:			
Project Name and Location:			
Principal Investigator(s)	/Director(s):		
Fieldwork Dates:			
Type of Investigation (e.	g., survey, testing, mitigation):		
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PD-C Bibliography Data Sheet (continued)

Súe Numbers:		
Archaeological Period (e.g., Hohokam, M	Aississippian):	
Material Classes (range):		
Artifact Collections and Locations: Approximate Size of Collections	(e.g., number of objec	ts):
Record Collections and Locations:		
NAGPRA Materials (Check if present)		
Human Skeletal Remains		Human Skeletal Remains Data Sheet Number of Attached Sheets
Objects		
Associated Funerary		Object Data Sheet
Unassociated Funerary		Number of Attached Sheets
Sacred		
Cultural Patrimony		
Cultural Affiliation(s):		
Basis for Affiliation Determination	on (e.g., geographic lo	cation, burial practices):
Comments:		

MCX List of References for Fort McPherson, Georgia [FORSCOM] as of July 1995 Subject property: Fort McPherson, GA Middle Initial: E. First name: Geraldine Last name: Baldwin Secondary Authors: Jeffrey Holland Title: Phase I Cultural Resources Survey of Fort McPherson, Fulton County, Georgia. Series: Contract Number: Project # 92-10-04-1008 (?) Length: 62 Date: 08/93 Sponsoring Agency: B&E Jackson & Associates, Inc. Contractor: B&E Jackson & Associates, Inc. Subcontractor: Garrow & Associates Subject property: Fort McPherson, GA First name: Daniel Middle Initial: T. Last name: Elliott Secondary Authors: Robert J. Fryman, Jeffrey L. Holland, Phillip J.M. Thomason, Michael Emrick Title: Technical Synthesis of the Cultural Resources on U.S. Army Installations at Fort McPherson, Fort Gillem, and the Forscom Recreation Area, Fulton, Clayton, DeKalb, and Bartow Counties, Georgia. Series: Contract Number: Date: 10/94 Length: 164 Sponsoring Agency: National Park Service, Atlanta, GA Contractor: Garrow & Associates, Inc. Subcontractor: Subject property: Fort McPherson, GA First name: Thomas Middle Initial: C. Last name: Loftfield Secondary Authors: Title: A Cultural Resource Reconnaissance of Specified Areas at Fort McPherson, Fort Gillem, and the FORSCOM Recreation Area at Lake Aliatoona. Series: Contract Number: DACA21-78-C-0099 Length: 40 Date: 03/79 Sponsoring Agency: US Army Corps of Engineers-Savannah District

Contractor: Coastal Zone Resources Division, Ocean Data Systems, Inc.

Subcontractor:

APPENDIX IV

NATIONAL ARCHEOLOGICAL DATA BASE REFERENCES FOR FORT MCPHERSON, GEORGIA

No attempt has been made to edit the National Archeological Data Base format or to correct obvious errors.

Loftfield, Thomas C.

1979 A Cultural Resource Reconnaissance of Specified Areas at Fort McPherson, Fort Gillem, and the Forscom Recreation Area at Lake Allatoona. Ocean Data Systems, Inc., Czr Division, Wilmington, NC. Submitted to U.S. Army Coe, Savannah District, Savanah, GA. (375781)

APPENDIX V

OTHER REFERENCES TO FORT MCPHERSON

Attempts were made to obtain copies of references that were cited in NADB, on the site records, or in other publications but were not available at the Georgia state site files at the University of Georgia in Athens. From telephone conversations with various persons conversant with the archaeology of Fort McPherson, the MCX determined that no new collections are reported in these references.

FORT MCPHERSON REFERENCES NOT ON FILE AT THE GEORGIA STATE SITE FILES OFFICE

Crampton, Dave

1993 Cultural Resources Survey of Proposed Barracks Site, Fort McPherson, Atlanta, Georgia. Memorandum on file, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Atlanta, Georgia.

Easter, Karen

1993 Letter to M.J. Yuschinshin, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District, Savannah, Georgia, February 24, 1993. On file, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Atlanta, Georgia.

Ledbetter, R. Jerald, W. Dean Wood, Karen G. Wood and Robbie F. Ethridge
1987 Cultural Resources Survey of Allatoona Lake Area, Georgia. Vol 1: Final Report.
Southeastern Archeological Services, Inc., Athens, Georgia. Submitted to U.S.
Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District, Mobile, Alabama.